

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“\_\_\_”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“—”) being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) A method processed by a computing device at a ~~user~~ sender location, comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an instant messaging (IM) address of a ~~contact;~~ contact of the sender;

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an email address of a contact;

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, a reference identifier (ID) from the ~~user,~~ sender, the reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual contact;

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the IM address to the reference identifier; and

correlating the email address to the reference identifier (ID).

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an email address of the individual contact; ~~and~~

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the email address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID);

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, a telephone number of the individual contact;

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the telephone number of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID);

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an address of the individual contact; ~~and~~

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID);

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, personal information of the individual contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the personal information of individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, a telephone number of the individual contact; and  
correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the telephone number of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an address of the individual contact; and  
correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, personal information of the individual contact; and  
correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the personal information of individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

6. (Currently Amended) A method processed by a computing device at a ~~user~~ sender location, comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, ~~user~~ sender input, the ~~user~~ sender input comprising multiple instant messaging (IM) addresses of an individual ~~contact~~, contact of the sender, the multiple IM addresses comprising IM addresses from different IM accounts, each of the different IM accounts being adapted to transmit and receive IM messages using a different IM protocol;

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, a reference identifier (ID) from the ~~user~~, sender, the reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, each of the multiple IM addresses to the reference identifier (ID).

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an email address of the individual contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the email address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:
- receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, a telephone number of the individual contact; and
- correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the telephone number of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:
- receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an address of the individual contact; and
- correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:
- receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, personal information of the individual contact; and
- correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the personal information of individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

11. (Currently Amended) A system processed by a computing device at a ~~user~~ sender location comprising:

first receive logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to receive first ~~user~~ sender input, the first ~~user~~ sender input comprising multiple instant messaging (IM) addresses of an individual ~~contact~~, contact of the sender, the multiple IM addresses comprising IM addresses from different IM accounts, each of the different IM accounts being adapted to transmit and receive IM messages using a different IM protocol;

second receive logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to receive second ~~user~~ sender input, the second user input comprising a reference identifier (ID), the reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual contact; and

correlate logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to correlate each of the multiple IM addresses to a reference identifier (ID), the reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual contact.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

receive logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to receive an email address of the individual contact; and

correlate logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to correlate the email address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an email address of the individual contact; and

means for correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location the email address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

receive logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to receive a telephone number of the individual contact; and

correlate logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to correlate the telephone number of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, a telephone number of the individual contact; and

means for correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the telephone number of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:
- receive logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to receive an address of the individual contact; and
- correlate logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to correlate the address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).
17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:
- means for receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an address of the individual contact; and
- means for correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).
18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:
- receive logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to receive personal information of the individual contact; and
- correlate logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to correlate the personal information of individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, personal information of the individual contact; and

means for correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the personal information of individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).